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The Honorable Charles Z. Wick  
Director, United States Information Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Mr. Wick:

In response to your April 29, 1985, letter to Bill Casey, let me assure you that we are pleased to continue our support to USIA. To meet your current needs, we have adjusted the USIA profile in our automated dissemination systems so that your classified library will automatically and routinely receive copies of relevant analyses. In addition, we will continue to send selected sensitive items directly to you. [redacted]

The Directorate of Intelligence wishes to ensure that its flow of intelligence meets your changing requirements. Receiving the USIA monthly issue agenda would be most helpful in enabling us to do this. [redacted]

I have designated [redacted], the Special Assistant for Dissemination Analysis in my Office of Current Production and Analytic Support, as the focal point for seeing that this support is provided to you. [redacted] is in Room 7G50 at CIA Headquarters and can be reached on [redacted]. Please contact him if you have any questions or problems. [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director for Intelligence



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April 29, 1985

Dear Bill:

I am writing to enlist your support in revitalizing a procedure for the routine distribution of CIA assessment and analytic reports to USIA on a variety of selected categories and subjects. The earlier dissemination list of February 7, 1983 is now quite out of date. The purpose of this letter is to renew that understanding, update the list and ask for your help in establishing a process which ensures that USIA will automatically and routinely receive copies of such CIA reports and studies that are necessary to the formulation of overseas public diplomacy programs.

Attached to this letter is a list reflecting our most pressing public affairs problems. As developments warrant, this list would change. We propose also to share our monthly issue agenda with whomever you designate (copy attached) in case your designee spots a topic for which a relevant report or study might be useful to us.

As your office is aware, the established procedures governing the receipt, internal distribution and control of all classified materials at USIA are consistent with those followed throughout the government and ensure that sensitive documents will be made available to only those officers with a "need-to-know" and the appropriate security clearances.

In the past, CIA studies have given us valuable insights and information, helping us strengthen our public diplomacy efforts. We hope these valuable analyses will continue to be available.

My best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Charles Z. Wick".

Charles Z. Wick  
Director

The Honorable  
William Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

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List of Subject Priority Themes:

A. Issues Related to Arms Control and Security:

1. European attitudes toward SDI and arms control and appreciation of strategic stability and the offense-defense relationship.
2. Soviet tactics for splitting the western alliance on SDI and arms control.
3. Degree of support within member countries for improving NATO's conventional defenses.
4. Nature and extent of opposition to nuclear basing and Soviet role in orchestrating such opposition (worldwide)
5. Public problems in the Soviet-East European dialogue on arms control.
6. Motivations and consequences of New Zealand government's decision to ban U.S. nuclear-capable ships from its ports.
7. The extent to which fear of nuclear propulsion and weapons colors specific publics' attitudes toward military/security cooperation with the U.S. (New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Belgium and Holland).

B. Regional and Topical Issues Which Influence U.S. Public Policy

1. Europe

- a. Evidence of popular European support for coordinated moves against terrorism.
- b. Evidence of external coordination or support of various European terrorist movements.

2. Middle east and South West Asia

- a. The impact of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan on political elites in the Islamic world.
- b. Evidence of significant factors affecting the India/Pakistan relationship.
- c. Evidence of increase in Soviet/Afghan operations against Pakistan.

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3. East Asia

- a. ASEAN reactions to the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia
- b. The extent to which the U.S. military presence has become a domestic political issue in the Philippines and Korea.
- c. Evidence of Soviet efforts to follow-up on diplomatic and fishing initiatives with Pacific island states

4. Central America

- a. European perceptions of and sympathy for the Sandinistas and the insurgents in El Salvador.
- b. Evidence of Nicaraguan and Cuban support for anti-government insurgencies in Central America.

5. Africa

- a. The impact of recent U.S. food aid to Africa as perceived by African elites.
- b. Black African attitudes toward U.S./South Africa relations and constructive engagement

6. Soviet Activities

- a. Identification of Soviet Active Measures designed to impair U.S. policies or U.S. relations with its allies and friends.
- b. Evidence of Soviet penetration of foreign media organizations and the extent to which these efforts influence the presentation of news and affect official and public opinion

7. Narcotics

- a. The connection between terrorist groups and international drug traffic.
- b. The alleged connection between the Governments of Cuba and Nicaragua and the international drug trade.

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